

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/717,346

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment dated 13 June 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-7 and 9-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed 13 June 2007 amends claims 1, 11, and 12. Claims 2 and 8 are cancelled. Claims 13-16 have been added.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to the §101 rejections of claims 11-12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The §101 rejection of claim 11-12 have been withdrawn.
3. Applicant's argument that the claim amendments have overcome the previous rejections in view of Sorvari has been fully considered and are persuasive. The §102(e) rejections of claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 11-12 as being anticipated by Sorvari and the §103(a) rejections of claims 2, 8, and 10 as being unpatentable over Sorvari, in view of McMorris, have been withdrawn.

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven A. Raney on 14 August 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

On line 4 of claim 1, change "the" to "a".

On line 9 of claim 1, change "the selected" to "said".

On line 3 of claim 10, change "identification number" to "identifier".

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On line 5 of claim 10, change "identification number" to "identifier".

On line 10 of claim 11, change "the selected" to "said".

On line 9 of claim 12, change "the selected" to "said".

*Allowable Subject Matter*

5. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention generally concerns providing a user with access to a requested service wherein the requested service has an associated right to use that functions to prevent a user from using the service when another user is registered to use the service. If the requesting user is registered to use the service, the user is provided with adaptors that contain service components that are necessary for carrying out the requested service, a service identifier, and an encryption key. The encryption keys are provided to the users that enable encrypted communications over the requested service.

The prior art does not disclose or make obvious the claimed features described above, wherein this composite recitation incorporated into independent claims 1, 11, and 12, renders these claims, and their dependants, allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

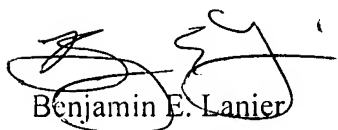
*Conclusion*

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin E. Lanier whose telephone number is 571-272-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-5:00pm, F 7:30am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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